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REMARKS

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1. On 21 June 1952, the following field-grade officers were observed at the former Bundesgewerbeschule in Moedling (O 49/X 37): 20 with red-bordered black epaulets, including 3 colonels; 10 with black-bordered red epaulets, including 1 colonel; 7 with black-bordered black epaulets; and 5 with blue epaulets, including 1 colonel.

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2. On 22 June, 29 about 30-mm AA guns, with a muzzle brake, and 10 AA guns with a funnel-shaped muzzle were observed at Camp Apetlon (P 48/X 74). Antiaircraft fire was observed by source at the same time.

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a colonel and a lieutenant colonel were riding in jeep

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[] the officers and the driver wore red-bordered black epaulets. The officers wore artillery insignia. * and ***

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** [] Comment. The Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div and elements of the reconnaissance battalion and the signal battalion of this division are believed to be stationed in Moedling. The signal battalion is probably billeted in the Hyrtl Heisenanstalt (orphanage), and the reconnaissance battalion in the installation on Gabrieler Strasse. Information from a Soviet deserter confirmed the Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div in Moedling.

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*** [] Comment. The 29 artillery pieces, which are believed to be 35-mm guns, indicate that elements of the heavy AAA regiments of the 23d AAA Div were stationed at the Apetlon troop training grounds on 22 June 1952. The guns observed, however, may also belong to elements of the unidentified AAA regiment from Kargan, which had been observed en route to Apetlon on 21 June 1952.

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